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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: GOP-US CIVIAL AIR RELATIONS

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1. WITH REFERENCE TO PANAM'S MILITARY CARGO CASE, LOCAL PANAM REPS, WHO RECEIVED FIGURE DIRECTLY FROM PHILCAB, HAVE CONFIRMED TO US THAT AMOUNT IS ONE MILLION PESOS OR ABOUT \$135,000 AS REPORTED REF A. \$50,000 SUM CITED REF B, AND PRESUMABLY OBTAINED FROM PANAM HEADQUARTERS IN U.S., IS FIGURE WHICH LOCAL PANAM REP SUGGESTED AS POSSIBLE COMPROMISE TO HIS HOME OFFICE. PANAM'S HOME OFFICE VETOED THIS SUGGESTION, HOWEVER, AND ASKED THEIR LOCAL REP TO MAKE FORMAL OFFER OF \$25,000 TO PHILCAB.

2. MORE IMPORTANT IS RATIONALE BEHIND PHILCAB DEMAND: LOCAL SOURCES TELL US THAT PAL, SUPPORTED BY SOME MEMBERS OF PHILCAB, MAINTAINS THAT TRUE COST OF PAL DC-10 CASE, INCLUDING COMPANY TIME, LAWYERS FEES, ETC., FAR EXCEEDS \$25,000. THIS LINE OF ARGUMENT VIEWS \$135,000 INFORMAL PROPOSAL BY PHILCAB AS EQUITABLE RECOMPENSE FOR EXPENSE AND "HARRASSMENT" UNDERGONE BY PAL.

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3. COMMENT: FROM EMBASSY POINT OF VIEW, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT WE ARE IN A CYCLE OF MUTUAL RECRIMINATION WITH GOP REGARDING CIVIL AVIATION AFFAIRS. EMBASSY DOES NOT RPT NOT SUPPORT REASONING IN PARA 2 ABOVE, BUT WE DO THINK IT IMPORTANT THAT THIS POINT OF VIEW BE UNDERSTOOD AND TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. THIS ISSUE IS ESSENTIALLY DORMANT FOR THE MOMENT. (PHILCAB HAS MADE NO "OFFICIAL" DETERMINATION OF THE

AMOUNT OF PANAM'S FINE AND PANAM IS SUFFERING NO OPERATIONAL
HINDRANCES). THEREFORE, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT WE NOT RPT
NOT PRESS THE ISSUE (UNLESS PHILCAB GOES ON THE OFFENSIVE)
IN THE HOPE THAT EMOTIONS ON GOP-PAL SIDE WILL COOL WITH TIME.
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